GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5031
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002
SALE OF STATIONERY AT HIGHER RATES BY NCCF
PRABHUNATH SINGH;RAMJI MANJHI;RENU KUMARI SINGH;SHEESH RAM SINGH RAVI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCCF is selling sub-standard as well as unbranded stationery and otheritems at higher prices to the Government than those prevailing in Kendriya Bhandar and open market;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereto;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial measures in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) & (b): The NCCF has informed that they are not selling sub-standard articles.As for the un-branded items supplied by the NCCF, they are maintaining quality and competitiveness of their rates. The NCCF and the Kendriya Bhandar are two autonomous cooperative organizations having their own Board of Directors to decide about theirbusiness policies. The pricing policies of the two organizations as also their terms of sale differ.

(c) to (e): Since the NCCF and the Kendriya Bhandar are autonomous cooperativeorganizations having their own Board of Directors to decide about their business and administrative matters, Government of India do not interfere in to these affairs.